

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A gastric retention system in the form of a coated tablet comprising :
 - (a) a core in the form of a tablet comprising an agent capable of generating internal pressure on the coat, and
 - (b) an expandable coating formed by applying a coating composition comprising a film-forming polymer and one or more expandable components on the tablet core to form a film capable of expanding and maintaining its physical integrity in the gastric milieu.
2. (original): A gastric retention drug delivery system as claimed in claim 1 wherein the agent capable of generating internal pressure is selected from a group comprising gas generating agents, highly swellable polymers, superdisintegrants and mixtures thereof.
3. (original): A gastric retention drug delivery system comprising a gastric retention system as claimed in claim 2 and one or more therapeutically active agents.
4. (original): A gastric retention drug delivery system as claimed in claim 3 wherein one or more therapeutically active agents is present in an immediate release form and/or in a modified release form to provide an immediately releasing dose of one or more of the therapeutically active agents, and/or a modified release dose of the same or different therapeutically active agent(s).
5. (original): A gastric retention drug delivery system as claimed in claim 4 wherein the system has a floatation time of less than 15 minutes, when placed in an aqueous medium.

6. (currently amended): A gastric retention system in the form of ~~as claim 1, where in the expandable~~ a coated tablet comprising:
 - (a) a ~~first coating formed by applying a coating composition on the table core comprising an agent capable of generating internal pressure on the coat and, core in the form of a tablet comprising an agent capable of generating internal pressure on the coat, and~~
 - (b) a second coating formed by applying a coating composition comprising a film-forming polymer and one or more expandable components on the first coating whereby the second coating forms a film capable of expanding and maintaining its physical integrity in the gastric milieu.
7. (original): A gastric retention drug delivery system comprising a gastric retention system as claimed in claim 6 and one or more therapeutically active agents.
8. (currently amended): A gastric retention system in the form of a coated capsule, comprising:
 - (a) a core in the form of a capsule, the core comprising an agent capable of generating internal pressure on the coating, and
 - (b) an expandable coating formed by applying a coating composition comprising a film-forming polymer and one or more expandable components on the capsule core to form a film capable of expanding and maintaining its physical integrity in the gastric milieu.
9. (original): A gastric retention system as claimed in claim 8 wherein the agent capable of generating internal pressure is selected from a group comprising gas generating agents, highly swellable polymers, superdisintegrants and mixtures thereof.

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10. (original): A gastric retention drug delivery system comprising a gastric retention system as claimed in claim 9 and one or more therapeutically active agents.

11. (original): A gastric retention drug delivery system as claimed in claim 10 wherein one or more therapeutically active agents is present in an immediate release form and/or in a modified release form to provide an immediately releasing dose of one or more of the therapeutically active agents, and/or a modified release dose of the same or different therapeutically active agent(s).

12. (original): A gastric retention drug delivery system as claimed in claim 10, wherein the system is capable of instantaneously floating, when placed in an aqueous medium.

13. (canceled).

14. (canceled).

15. (original): A process for coating a tablet or capsule core comprising applying a coating composition comprising expandable components in a dry powder form or suspended in a non-solvent vehicle.